

VOTERS GUIDE EDITOR

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Registered voters who are ill, disabled, or will be absent from the municipality on Election Day may vote by absentee ballot. Completed applications for absentee ballots must be received by the county Board of Elections at 4 p.m. Tuesday, May 14, 2013. Completed absentee ballots must be received back at the Board of Elections by 5 p.m. Friday, May 17, 2013. If an emergency arises (unexpected illness or business trip) after the Tuesday application deadline, call your county Board of Elections for information on emergency absentee voting. Proof of emergency may be required. Any disabled voter having polling questions regarding the accessibility of a polling place should consult their county Board of Elections.

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IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR NEW VOTERS

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LEHIGH COUNTY

PRIMARY ELECTION 2013

TUESDAY, MAY 21
POLLS OPEN 7 A.M.-8 P.M.

ELECTION COVERAGE

Look for voter checklists on Monday, May 20, and follow the election online all day May 21 on themorningcall.com

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Candidates were asked: What three suggestions do you have to improve court procedures and efficiency?

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

Job Description

The Superior Court is one of Pennsylvania's two statewide intermediate appellate courts. This court, which was established in 1895, reviews most of the civil and criminal cases that are appealed from the Courts of Common Pleas in the Commonwealth's 67 counties. The Superior Court consists of 15 judges who serve 10-year terms. The president judge of Superior Court is elected to a five-year term by his or her colleagues. A huge volume of appeals flows to Superior Court from the trial courts. Generally, appeals are heard by panels of three judges sitting in Philadelphia, Harrisburg or Pittsburgh. The court often is the final arbiter of legal disputes. Although the Supreme Court may grant a petition for review of a Superior Court decision, most such petitions are denied and the ruling of the Superior Court stands.

Term: 10 years
Salary: \$188,337

Republican

Vote for one

VICTOR P. STABILE

Carlisle
<http://www.vicstabile.com>
D.O.B.: 1957
EDUCATION: 1982, Dickinson School of Law, J.D., Member Law Review 1979, SUNY Stonybrook, cum laude, B.A.
OCCUPATION: Partner, Dilworth Paxson LLP
QUALIFICATIONS: Appellate judicial clerk, deputy attorney general, partner – Dilworth Paxson LLP, 30 years trial and appellate experience, 10 years local elected official, significant community and pro

bono service
RESPONSE: Increased use of alternate dispute resolution alternatives. Streamline procedural rules. Increased use of technology to reduce court costs and administration.

Democrat

Vote for one

JACK MCVAY JR.

Pittsburgh
D.O.B.: 1956
EDUCATION: Duquesne University School of Pharmacy, bachelor of science, 1980; University of Pittsburgh, summer classes; Duquesne University School of Law, juris doctorate, 1984
OCCUPATION: Allegheny County Common Pleas Judge, Family Division
QUALIFICATIONS: Assistant county solicitor, Allegheny County, 1984-1992, 1997-2007; assistant city solicitor, city of Pittsburgh 1995-1998; Allegheny County Housing Authority, 1993-1995. Highly recommended by the Allegheny County Bar Association; recommended by the Pennsylvania Bar Association.
RESPONSE: Utilize technologic advances like video conferencing, Skype and other innovations to make court more accessible. Expand hours to evenings and weekends to accommodate working families. Extend the rule apply to the appellate courts that Pennsylvania trial judges in the lower courts must follow in cases involving children requiring action with 30 days when their decisions are appealed.

JOSEPH C. WATERS JR.

No response

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE

Term: 6 years

Candidates were asked: Would you support an amendment to the PA Constitution changing the method of selecting statewide judges to a merit selection process? Why or why not?

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT
31-1-02

Allentown Wards 4, 7, 11

Republican/Democrat
(cross-filed)

Vote for one

MICHAEL ROONEY

D.O.B.: 1963
EDUCATION: I graduated from Dieruff High School. I attended Penn State Uni-

versity Lehigh Valley campus, Lehigh County Community College and the Allentown Police Academy.

OCCUPATION: I supervise the day to day operations of the Lehigh County Central Booking Center and DUI Center.

QUALIFICATIONS: I am certified by the state of Pennsylvania to be a magisterial district judge. I prosecuted numerous cases as a police officer, along with being an expert witness in Lehigh County Court of Common Pleas.

RESPONSE: I would not support a merit system to select judges. I believe a panel of people should not have the authority to appoint someone because of who they are or who they know. This country was built on democracy and I believe people should vote for who they want.

RASHID O. SANTIAGO

www.RashidSantiagoForJudge.com
D.O.B.: 1984
EDUCATION: Gwynedd Mercy College, B.S. (2007); Widener University School of Law, J.D. (2010)
OCCUPATION: Attorney at law
QUALIFICATIONS: Private law practice (present); judicial law clerk, Berks County Court of Common Pleas (2011-13); adjunct instructor, Lehigh Carbon Community College, criminal justice (2010-11); certified legal intern, Lehigh County District Attorney's Office (2009, 2010-11); legal intern, Tallman, Hudders & Sorrentino, PC (2009); intern, Widener Veterans Law Clinic (2008). Professional memberships: Bar Association of Lehigh County; Pennsylvania Bar Association.
RESPONSE: Although the notion of merit-based selection sounds appealing in that it could help eliminate unqualified and incompetent candidates, I would not support such an amendment. Vesting the selection authority to a small group of people would infringe on democracy and the citizens who exercise their right to vote.

CHRISTY SCHLOTTMAN

D.O.B.: 1978
EDUCATION: East Stroudsburg High School, 1997; American University, B.A., 2001; Suffolk University Law School, J.D., 2004
OCCUPATION: Attorney
QUALIFICATIONS: After graduating law school, I served as a judicial law clerk for a criminal trial court judge. For the past six years in private practice, I represented hundreds of clients on civil and criminal cases. I have trial and appellate experience. As a practicing attorney, I have handled the types of cases that would be appearing before me.
RESPONSE: A merit selection process may be beneficial in selecting qualified jurists, if it was tailored to limit political influence in the process; for example, having a candidate interview before local bar members, followed by a statewide

panel interview before members of a judicial selection committee before receiving appointment to office.

JOSEPH P. MAHER

D.O.B.: 1951
EDUCATION: University of Pennsylvania, B.A., 1973; Dickinson School of Law, Penn State University, J.D., 1976
OCCUPATION: Attorney practicing in Lehigh County for 25+ years
QUALIFICATIONS: Pa. attorney for 36+ years. Practice includes representing clients in civil, criminal and family law matters in all courts in Pennsylvania including this district court.
RESPONSE: YES, I believe that all judicial offices in Pennsylvania should be filled by merit selection. Magisterial district judges like all other judicial offices in Pennsylvania should be limited to persons who are attorneys. Think of it. Would you have someone operate on you who was not an experienced surgeon? Of course not! Notice that the persons against merit selection are the ones who generally have the least experience for the job!

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT
31-1-07

Whitehall Township; Coplay Borough

Republican/Democrat
(cross-filed)

Vote for one

ROBERT C. HALAL

Whitehall
<http://roberthalal.org>
D.O.B.: 1964
EDUCATION: 1982, Whitehall High School; 2000-present, Pennsylvania Minor Judiciary Education Course
OCCUPATION: Magisterial District Judge 31-1-07
QUALIFICATIONS: The current magisterial district judge since 2007; certified since 2000 by the PA Minor Judiciary Education Board; handled over 25,000 cases which include criminal, non-traffic, traffic, civil and landlord/tenant filings; Member of the District 10 Special Courts Judges Association of Pennsylvania for over five years; I have worked in the judicial setting since 1992, first as a Pennsylvania state constable for 16 years and now currently as magisterial district judge.
RESPONSE: I am unable to comment on this subject matter because it is out of the scope of my jurisdiction and I must remain neutral and detached from all public comment. My position as magisterial district judge does not include changing or introducing new laws.

ALBERTA J. SCARFARO

Whitehall

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JUDICIAL

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www.electalbertascarfaro.com

D.O.B.: 1975

EDUCATION: Pius X High School; A.S., paralegal studies, LCCC; B.A., political science & M.P.A, public administration, Kutztown University; Minor Judiciary Education board-certified, 2012

OCCUPATION: Property manager

QUALIFICATIONS: Paralegal – vast knowledge and understanding of Pennsylvania laws; supervisory and instructor positions; property manager representing landlords in front of MDJ's; I possess common-sense judgment and the integrity to uphold the values of an independent judiciary; to conduct a court neutral and detached from political interest that fairly represents our community.

RESPONSE: I believe in citizens' right to vote yet also believe that every voter has a duty to educate themselves on the qualifications of each candidate so that the qualified candidate will serve the people in a role that can potentially have a vital impact on one's future.

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT 31-2-02

North Whitehall and South Whitehall Townships

**Republican/Democrat
(cross-filed)**

Vote for one

JACOB HAMMOND

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT 31-3-03

Coopersburg Borough; Lower Milford and Upper Saucon Townships

**Republican/Democrat
(cross-filed)**

Vote for one

CATHLEEN HENDRZAK

Coopersburg
www.hendrzak4magistrate.com

D.O.B.: 1966

EDUCATION: Central Bucks East High School, 1984; Bucks County Community College, 1987

OCCUPATION: Instructional aide, Southern Lehigh School District

QUALIFICATIONS: Knowledge of the community; working with the children of Southern Lehigh in our schools; contact with parents and children through activity in SL Little League, Hopewell PTA president, SL Basketball and SL American Legion Baseball; an independent, unbiased thinker and decision maker; firm but fair; a believer in the Common Sense

approach; parent of two boys and two dogs.

RESPONSE: Yes, unlike a local election, state voters have no personal knowledge of the candidate. Most of these elections are won or lost on the tide of their affiliated political party. Qualifications are often ignored in favor of party loyalties. Although no method is perfect, merit-selection should provide more qualified Judges.

SCOTT A. MCELLROY

Upper Saucon Township

D.O.B.: 1961

EDUCATION: Graduated from Southern Lehigh High School in 1979, graduate of the Pennsylvania Sheriffs Academy in 1988, graduate of the Allentown Police Academy in 1994

OCCUPATION: Police officer for the city of Bethlehem for 19 years

QUALIFICATIONS: As a police officer for 19 Years, I've prosecuted hundreds of summary and criminal cases. In Lehigh County Sheriff's Department, I worked the court system daily. Combined I've become very familiar with the laws of Pennsylvania and courtroom procedures.

RESPONSE: While selecting judges based on merits is a credible idea, I would be cautious to change the constitution without knowing what body or who would be doing the selection process. I think not all voters are as informed as they should be before going to the polls making it a possibility of not getting the best candidate for judge.

ANDREW SHAW

Upper Saucon Township

D.O.B.: 1973

EDUCATION: B.A., University of Wisconsin – Madison, 1994; J.D., Ohio State University College of Law 1998

OCCUPATION: Attorney since 1998; nearly 10 years in the Lehigh Valley. Admitted to practice law in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York and Washington, D.C.

QUALIFICATIONS: As an attorney, I have represented clients in a wide variety of matters including criminal, civil, bankruptcy and real estate. I have served in a judicial capacity on arbitration panels in civil cases up to \$50,000.

RESPONSE: No, but I would support a hybrid system for selecting statewide judges (as distinguished from county and magisterial district judges who should be elected) which would lessen the chance of the election of the unqualified and the biased. A retention vote could be held after some period of time after appointment.

THOMAS P. NOVAK

No response

DAN TREXLER

Coopersburg

D.O.B.: 1968

EDUCATION: Graduated Emmaus High School in 1986, United States Air Force 1987-1990, graduated the Allentown Police Academy in 1993

OCCUPATION: Chief of police, Coopersburg Police Department

QUALIFICATIONS: Over 18 years law enforcement experience which taught me to treat people fairly and hold them accountable, as well as providing them with guidance. Presented and testified in over 1,000 Magisterial District Court cases.

RESPONSE: I would support a process of meritorious review to establish a worthy pool of candidates eligible for office. I believe any person holding public office should possess moral character, conduct deserving reward, and honor.

NATHAN BAUER SCHIESSER

Bethlehem

D.O.B.: 1968

OCCUPATION: Lawyer – general practitioner with a heavy concentration in criminal defense

QUALIFICATIONS: Member of the Pennsylvania, New Jersey and District of Columbia Bars. Practicing attorney for the last 13 years in Lehigh County. Good working knowledge of the court system, and well versed in the laws of the commonwealth.

RESPONSE: I would favor such an amendment, because the judiciary would then be insulated from the general public, and not have to worry about making unpopular decisions. Judges would then be able to freely apply the law and not be swayed by outside forces and influences.

MIKE ZWEIFEL

Coopersburg
www.electzweifel.com

D.O.B.: 1955

EDUCATION: Graduated from Southern Lehigh, 1973; attended DeSales University; graduated from District Justice School

OCCUPATION: Elected constable for almost 20 years serving district courts in Lehigh County (including 31-3-03) and Northampton County

QUALIFICATIONS: As a constable, I know both the criminal and civil sides and the operations of district court. By pledging to serve only two terms and forgoing a state pension, I feel I can maintain the integrity of the court and serve the people of Southern Lehigh with honesty, fairness and professionalism. As a person who has had ups and downs in his personal and business life, I feel that my 58 years of life and 20 years as a constable will give me a better understanding of people and cases. //

RESPONSE: As a candidate for district judge I must refrain from public comment per the rules of judicial conduct and act by being totally unbiased; and a sitting district judge will not have the authority/

jurisdiction to change or introduce laws and or change the Pennsylvania Constitution.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Candidates were asked: What do you view as the major issue in this campaign and how will you address it?

Term: 4 years

Republican

Vote for one

SCOTT OTT

Lower Macungie Township
<http://votescottott.org/>

D.O.B.: 1961

EDUCATION: Palisades High School, 1979; B.A. in liberal arts, journalism from Penn State, 1983

OCCUPATION: Writer/host PJTV.com (current events and historical commentary), Lehigh County commissioner

QUALIFICATIONS: Lehigh County commissioner, elected Nov. 2011; elected Pennsylvania State Republican Committee for Lehigh County, 2010; executive director, Lehigh County Republican Committee, 2010; executive director, Victory Valley Camp, 2004-2009; former president, Shoemaker Elementary School PTO //

RESPONSE: Ever-increasing government spending and higher tax rates happen because government measures activity and good intentions, not results. Over the years county government has also grown to take on responsibilities outside of its essential functions. In 2012, our Board achieved a tax rate cut, a real spending cut, restored fairness to property assessments, blocked creation of a new, multimillion dollar bureaucracy and spurred a priority-based budget process. I'd like to finish the job.

DEAN N. BROWNING

South Whitehall
<http://BrowningForExecutive.com>

D.O.B.: 1956

EDUCATION: M.S. in industrial management from the Georgia Institute of Technology, 1979; B.S. with honors in chemistry from Denison University, 1978

OCCUPATION: Executive vice president, Finance & Administration and CFO for New World Aviation

QUALIFICATIONS: Over 30 years of private sector business experience with local companies and four years as county commissioner

RESPONSE: In 2013, the county's budget deficit has gotten bigger, not smaller. We

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NOTE: Only candidates in contested races were asked for a response.

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need to truly balance the budget and eliminate the deficit. Lehigh County government has to live within its means just like its residents. I have the knowledge to identify the real spending reforms needed at the county and the experience to implement those changes. I plan to responsibly rein in spending, balance the budget and never let expenses grow faster than revenue.

Democrat

Vote for one

THOMAS MULLER

COMMISSIONERS

Term: 4 years

DISTRICT 1

Boroughs of Coplay and Slatington. Townships of Heidelberg, Lowhill, Lynn, North Whitehall, Washington, Weisenberg, Whitehall

Republican

Vote for one

THOMAS C. CREIGHTON III

Democrat

Vote for one

WILLIAM LEINER JR.

DISTRICT 2

Borough of Alburtis. Townships of Lower Macungie, South Whitehall, Upper Macungie

Republican

Vote for one

PERCY H. DOUGHERTY

Lower Macungie Township
www.votefordougherty.org

D.O.B.: 1943

EDUCATION: B.S., geography & biology, 1967, and M.Ed. geography, 1968, West Chester University; PhD. geography and geology, 1980, Boston University

OCCUPATION: Retired professor, county commissioner

QUALIFICATIONS: Commissioner, 20 years, chairman six years; past president, County Commissioners of Pennsylvania, Lehigh Valley Planning Commission, Lower Macungie Township Planning Commission. Board member of various civic associations

RESPONSE: County spending and keeping taxes low: As a fiscal conservative, I believe in cutting spending, but not so much that we jeopardize programs. Cuts must be made surgically and not across the board. Working cooperatively, I helped cut taxes by \$3.5 million and spending by \$500,000 in the 2013 budget. In addition to cuts, we need to increase income through economic development. New companies and new jobs help to keep taxes low by increasing revenue.

SCOTT AQUILA

Lower Macungie Township

D.O.B.: 1971

EDUCATION: M.P.A., Kutztown University, 2010; B.A., McDaniel College (former Western Maryland College), 1993

OCCUPATION: Associate dean, Lehigh Carbon Community College

QUALIFICATIONS: Vice president of Lower Macungie Youth Association; active member, Lower Macungie Zoning Hearing Board; previous member of Lower Macungie Public Safety Commission; secretary of the Lehigh County Republican Party; Republican committee person District 4

RESPONSE: Lehigh County families and senior citizens are struggling to make ends meet. I will fight to cut taxes and enact spending controls that help relieve the financial burdens on working families and senior citizens who really cannot afford the additional taxes. I look forward to representing and serving the citizens of District 2 and voicing their concerns and challenges at the county level.

Democrat

Vote for one

SUSAN ELLIS WILD

DISTRICT 3

Cities of Allentown, Wards 1, 14, 15, 16, 19; Bethlehem, all Lehigh County portions. Boroughs Catasauqua and Fountain Hill; Hanover Township, (Lehigh County)

Republican

Vote for one

No candidates

Democrat

Vote for one

DAVID S. JONES

Allentown

D.O.B.: 1964

EDUCATION: Graduate, Dieruff High School, 1982; professional certification HR management, 1997; professional certification organizational development, 1999; professional certification in Six Sigma, 2002; pastoral studies, 2004

OCCUPATION: Executive administrative pastor

QUALIFICATIONS: Lehigh County Board of Commissioners seven yrs, 20 yrs of executive level experience leading and developing complex organizations, 10 yrs nonprofit leadership consultant

RESPONSE: Ensuring public safety and maintaining fiscal responsibility throughout the county budget. I want our criminal justice system to continue to be effective and efficient at keeping our citizens safe. This means having a properly funded and functioning court system and the ability for the DA to investigate and prosecute offenders. This can be achieved by implementing priority based budgeting principles and closely monitoring nonessential program expenditures.

JUAN P. CAMACHO

Allentown

http://juanpcamacho.com

D.O.B.: 1980

EDUCATION: B.A., University of Central Florida, 2004; J.D., California Western School of Law, 2007

OCCUPATION: Attorney

QUALIFICATIONS: Allentown Human Relations Commission, one year; Allentown Zoning Hearing Board, two years; Political Fellow at Center for Progressive Leadership; board member for Bar Association of Lehigh County, Renew Lehigh Valley and Casa Guadalupe Center

RESPONSE: Investment in our communities, businesses and futures: Our current County Board is willing to return grants, meant for our roads, parks, and nonprofits, back to Harrisburg and Washington. This is unacceptable. When I become County Commissioner, I will make it my priority to fund local projects which invest in us, our children and our labor force. I will advance the people's interests before my own and will exercise common sense rather than political ideology.

DISTRICT 4

City of Allentown, Wards 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13 (Districts 1 and 2), 17, 18

Republican

Vote for one

No candidates

Democrat

Vote for one

GEOFFREY BRACE

DISTRICT 5

City of Allentown, Wards 5, 7, 12, 13 (Districts 3 and 4). Boroughs of Emmaus, Coopersburg, Macungie. Townships of Lower Milford, Salisbury, Upper Milford, Upper Saucon

Republican

Vote for one

MICHAEL P. SCHWARE

Allentown

D.O.B.: 1965

EDUCATION: Graduate, Central Catholic High School, 1983; B.S., accounting, Penn State University, 1990

OCCUPATION: Certified public accountant

QUALIFICATIONS: Current Lehigh County Commissioner, District 5 (appointed January 2012); Allentown City Planning Commission, six years; member, US Army Special Forces (Green Beret), 1985-87

RESPONSE: Lehigh County budget and tax rate. I want to use my skills to help make county government more efficient and more focused on its core functions. My goal is to find savings to pass along to the taxpayers in the form of a tax cut. Last year, we were able to cut county taxes by \$3 million. That's certainly a step in the right direction, but more needs to be done.

KEVIN P. RYAN

Upper Milford

www.kevin-ryan.com/

D.O.B.: 1958

EDUCATION: Building construction technology, B.S., Penn State University

OCCUPATION: Self-employed structural engineering consultant

QUALIFICATIONS: Political author "Common Sense Too" Understand Natural Rights. Lead grassroots opposition to Game Preserve Amusement Park

RESPONSE: Time to have a debate on the form of government that we live under. Under a democracy, the majority makes collective decisions for the whole. Under a republic, each law abiding individual retains most of his rights and sovereignty, and the government is granted limited powers by individuals to maintain order. Time to elect a citizen legislator and taxpayer advocate. Time to reject politicians who specialize in raising money. Learn the difference, support Liberty.

NORMA A. CUSICK

Salisbury Township

D.O.B.: 1944

EDUCATION: B.A., DeSales University, 1987; M.A., Kutztown University, 1990; paralegal, LCCC, 2008

OCCUPATION: Office manager, medical legal coordinator

QUALIFICATIONS: Salisbury Township: Commissioner (five years), Planning Commission (two years), School Board (eight years); Lehigh County Authority (three years); Board of Directors: Allentown Public Library (current), Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival, Lehigh County

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Sports Fields, president (soccer fields); Child Advocacy Center
RESPONSE: Protecting Lehigh County taxpayers by: ensuring cost effective and fiscally responsible government, making targeted spending cuts when necessary, using checks and balances on the executive as appropriate and maintaining county functions and programs such as: the courts and criminal justice system, human services programs, Cedarbrook Nursing Home, parks and open space preservation. My experience and understanding of the issues qualify me to best represent District 5.

NATHAN BROWN
No response

Democrat

Vote for one

WESLEY BARRETT
Emmaus
www.wesleybarrett.com
D.O.B.: 1980
EDUCATION: Wesley Barrett is a 1999 Emmaus High School graduate. He graduated in 2003 from Quinnipiac University in Hamden, CT, with a B.A. in E-media
OCCUPATION: Businessman: Wesley Works Inc. and companies, Wesley Works Real Estate Inc.
QUALIFICATIONS: Eight years on Emmaus Borough Council, 20 years of business ownership, Lehigh County COG, ReNewLV
RESPONSE: As a Borough Councilman in Emmaus for the last eight years, I've demonstrated my ability through strong leadership to reach across party lines and move projects forward. As a Lehigh County Commissioner I will remain committed to doing the same. I will apply my 20 years of business experience to help build stronger communities with more jobs, preserved open space, and increased quality of life.

STEPHEN P. WALTERS
D.O.B.: 1965
EDUCATION: Easton Area High School, 1983
OCCUPATION: Heavy equipment operator
QUALIFICATIONS: Volunteer firefighter, Forks Township, five years; veteran, Navy, two years
RESPONSE: County government has got to be more responsive to our communities. While knocking doors, I found seniors with no understanding of how to access state and county programs that would make their lives easier, out of work resi-

dents who don't know where to turn, and people who feel our county government isn't benefiting them. I will work hard to simplify county government and make it more accessible and responsive to our communities.

BOROUGH

Candidates were asked: What do you view as the major issue in this campaign and how will you address it?

ALBURTIS

MAYOR

Term: 4 years

Republican

Vote for one

No candidates

Democrat

Vote for one

KATHLEEN PALMER

COUNCIL

Term: 4 years

Republican

Vote for three

STEVEN R. HILL
JOHN J. ALESZCZYK

Democrat

Vote for three

KATHLEEN RAINES

COUNCIL

Term: 2 years

Republican

Vote for two

SHERRYANN M. OELS

Democrat

Vote for two

DAVID E. LEHR
KATEY DEIACO

CATASAUQUA

MAYOR

Term: 4 years

Republican

Vote for one

BARBARA A. SCHLEGEL
D.O.B.: 1952
EDUCATION: Catasauqua High School 1970; Lehigh County Community College (business law, state and local government), Business management PSBA credits, PA State Mayors conferences
OCCUPATION: Schlegel's Dry Cleaners, co-owner (39 years); mayor
QUALIFICATIONS: Borough councilman 10 years, VP, Borough Council, liaison to Lehigh Valley International Airport, Lehigh Valley Planning Commission, Suburban North YMCA co-founder and board member, DIG-In co-founder, established K9 Unit, Bike Patrol // **RESPONSE:** Recognizing that the role of mayor is overseeing the police department. I make myself available 24-7 to the police and residents with an open-door policy to both. Everyday I am in contact with the police chief, along with attending council meetings, public safety and conferences for mayors. The new emergency building is the most important development for the borough. I do support this and will be involved during the entire process.

SEAN MCHUGH
No response

Democrat

Vote for one

No candidates

COUNCIL

Term: 4 years

Republican

Vote for three

MICA D. SMITH

Democrat

Vote for three

DEBRA L. MELLISH
D.O.B.: 1952
EDUCATION: East Brady HS (Armstrong County); B.S., chemistry, IUP; master's, chemical engineering, Carnegie Mellon
OCCUPATION: Retired from private sector. Part-time mentor at Lehigh University
QUALIFICATIONS: Community volunteer with Historic Catasauqua Preservation Association (president), Catty Garden Club (secretary), Main Streets, George

Taylor House, D&L Towpath, ArtsQuest, Leadership Lehigh Valley 2008.
RESPONSE: Polarization over whether borough government should invest in community revitalization. I support an active role. We are a small borough with a great heritage and location. However, depressed property values and vacant properties increase the tax burden on existing residents and businesses. We can turn this around by strategically redeveloping our Race and Front streets corridors and addressing rundown properties. The payback on being proactive is a broader tax base to cover borough expenses.

CHRISTINE WEAVER
D.O.B.: 1961
EDUCATION: Easton High School; Penn State, paralegal
OCCUPATION: Realtor; start-up business owner
QUALIFICATIONS: Former Catasauqua School District youth service coordinator: Experienced facilitator/service coordinator, creative problem solver, mentor, team leader, school and community event planner, grant writing, fund raising. Realtor-residential sales, property evaluation, expertise includes factors affecting value.
RESPONSE: Undeveloped tax base, no plan for economic growth, degraded property value. Catasauqua is the original million dollar town. I want to give people a reason to live here, shop here and start a business. By expanding the business district and exploring new residential development we can keep our taxes low, attract shops, cafes, restaurants, artisans, and create a thriving, sustainable economic center. We can get back to the business of being a community through effective planning, zoning, code enforcement and a collaborative spirit utilizing the talents of our residents. //

VINCE SMITH
D.O.B.: 1966
EDUCATION: Graduate of Catasauqua High School, Class of 1984
OCCUPATION: Owner/manager of B-ery's Port Bodyworks and a mix of 12 commercial and residential rental properties in Catasauqua
QUALIFICATIONS: Successful multi-business owner in the community since 1987. Highly energetic, motivated, outgoing and focused. Active in borough revitalization efforts since 2000. Councilman since 2006, council president, 2008 and 2009; LVIA liaison, 2008-2011; Planning & Zoning chairman // **RESPONSE:** Downtown and economic revitalization. We have an opportunity to centrally locate our municipal services in one building on a former industrial site while adding a quality residential component. This project is designed to improve our downtown, clean up the site, and add

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to the quality of life for our residents while increasing the borough's revenues. I've championed this effort since 2006 and am running for re-election to continue to guide the project to fruition.

ALFRED REGITS**D.O.B.:** 1932**EDUCATION:** Catasauqua High School, 1950; U.S. Navy Submarine School, 1952**OCCUPATION:** Retired**QUALIFICATIONS:** Council member, 36 years. Served as president of council, vice president of council and every committee over the last 36 years**RESPONSE:** "Experience counts." I feel the cost of the F.L. Schmidt [sic] project is excessive, which this borough cannot afford.

COOPERSBURG

MAYOR

Term: 4 years**Republican**

Vote for one

No candidates

Democrat

Vote for one

No candidates

COUNCIL

Term: 4 years**Republican**

Vote for four

DENNIS M. BALASCAK
HARVEY R. GREENLAND**Democrat**

Vote for four

RICHARD M. NALICHOWSKI

COPLAY

BALLOT QUESTION

Vote Yes or No

Do you favor funding the Coplay Public Library by establishing an annual tax of .38 mills (\$0.38 per \$1,000 of assessed real property value) on taxable real estate

located within the Borough of Coplay?

MAYOR

Term: 4 years**Republican**

Vote for one

No candidates

Democrat

Vote for one

JOSEPH J. BUNDRA**D.O.B.:** 1948**EDUCATION:** Graduate of Whitehall High School, 1966; two years LCCC, liberal arts; journeyman lineman leader, PPL**OCCUPATION:** PPL retiree, 35 years service; current Coplay mayor**QUALIFICATIONS:** Current mayor of Coplay. Served Coplay Borough as elected councilman – 12 years. Recognition by Coplay organizations, adjacent communities and Coplay council for community work and leadership over past 17 years. Ironton Rail-Trail – active, past commissioner and alumnus. Founded and led Coplay Borough Joint Safety Committee. Member of St. Peter's Parish, Coplay, and serve on the Facility Committee**RESPONSE:** The most important issue is striking a balance between cost and resources, having reasonable taxes and a viable thriving community with open and honest communications. I believe that open communications with residents is critical to good decision-making, and as current mayor, I make myself available on a constant basis throughout Coplay and will continue to do so, if elected!**FRANKLIN W. REICHL****D.O.B.:** 1952**EDUCATION:** Graduate of Catasauqua High School, 1969; Scott White Realty, 1990**OCCUPATION:** Retired senior construction estimator**QUALIFICATIONS:** Senior estimator: Prepared bids and negotiated contracts in excess of \$14 million; former vice-president, Whitehall Jaycees; treasurer, Coplay Democratic Club; member, Coplay Town Watch**RESPONSE:** Coplay must maintain its proud traditions and sense of community while facing 21st century challenges of changing population, a struggling economy, and a very real need to apply sound business practices to the borough's affairs. To that end, I will facilitate the balance between heritage and change with respect for all stakeholders, a desire to include the views of all, and transparent local government. These are the keys to moving forward as a united community.

COUNCIL

Term: 4 years**Republican**

Vote for four

MELVIN J. PROCANYN**Democrat**

Vote for four

LOUIS BODISH

No response

JOCELYN M. WEDGE

No response

BEVERLY J. MILLER**D.O.B.:** 1953**EDUCATION:** Northampton High School**OCCUPATION:** Housewife and volunteer
QUALIFICATIONS: Former Coplay council member, 1995-2009 (14 yrs.); council pres., 2004-2008; Health Board member. Chair of Coplay Comm. Days; Sec. for CYO (St. Peter's); volunteer for Special Olympics. Currently: vice president of Coplay Demo. Club; sec. of Coplay Athletic Club; treas. of Coplay Town Watch; Bike Derby coordinator (20 yrs) //**RESPONSE:** Transparency is key. The past few years, we seem to have lost that most basic idea. We need open discussions, in full view of the public. The more committees, the more discussions behind closed doors. I don't agree that committee meetings should be held without inviting the public with the excuse given that these meetings are only for "gathering of information." Very little public discussions at the actual council meetings where the residents can participate. //**STEPHEN J. BURKER****D.O.B.:** 1950**EDUCATION:** Whitehall High School**OCCUPATION:** Co-owner, My Angel & Co.
QUALIFICATIONS: Now in third year as chairman, Coplay Community Days, which serves as the major fundraiser for Coplay civic organizations. Expanded and improved the festival by working successfully with borough officials, police, community groups and the people of Coplay
RESPONSE: Coplay must get away from politics and take a business approach. My experience with Community Days will aid me in working with others for the good of Coplay. The citizens are the employer. Council members are employees. Our job is to listen to the needs of citizens and deliver value for their taxes by maintaining high standards for our public works, police and firefighters. This can only be accomplished by putting business before politics.**SOPHIE T. KESSELRING**

No response

SHERRY LYNN MAIKITS

No response

CHARLES J. SODL**D.O.B.:** 1941**EDUCATION:** Graduated from Coplay High School in 1960. Leadership/business management expense control courses supplied by Bridgestone Firestone (yearly).**OCCUPATION:** Retired since 2006 from Bridgestone, 45 years store manager 1972-2006, store managing partner.**QUALIFICATIONS:** Coplay Sports Organization director, 25 yrs., Coplay Community Days officer, 10 yrs., Coplay Planning Commission chairman, 4 yrs., Coplay Borough Council, July 2012**RESPONSE:** The major issues I intend to address in this campaign is removing politics out of making decisions that affect the people in the community and placing good business practices which will make us "accountable". In July 2012, I was appointed into Coplay Borough Council. In this short time, I have not only "emphasized" accountability but "demonstrated" it by reducing expenses for the Coplay Fire Co. as well as upgrading its training by forming a panel outside neighboring fire dept chiefs to review and evaluate our fire dept.**CARL A. LUCKENBACH JR.****D.O.B.:** 1958**EDUCATION:** Graduate Whitehall-Coplay High School, 1976**OCCUPATION:** Contractor**QUALIFICATIONS:** Business owner**RESPONSE:** Financial responsibility! Using the taxpayers' money prudently.

EMMAUS

MAYOR

Term: 4 years**Republican**

Vote for one

JULIAN STOLZ**Democrat**

Vote for one

JOHN F. BELIN JR.**D.O.B.:** 1964**EDUCATION:** Altoona Area High School, 1982; Altoona Area Vocational Technical School, 1982; Penn State, State College, printing; Pennsylvania School of Technology, certificate printingPlease see **BOROUGHS 7**

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OCCUPATION: Chemical technologist
QUALIFICATIONS: Brandywine Height School Board director, 1993-1995
RESPONSE: Budget cuts, while keeping essential services such as: Police and fire personnel, improving our infrastructure without putting additional burden on our citizens and taxpayers. As your mayor, I will listen and do dedicated research before making important decisions. I will be a 24/7 mayor and will be available by phone and email and town meetings. Let's make Emmaus even better. It's Time For Change! That's why I'm Running for Mayor!

WINFIELD IOBST
D.O.B.: 1942
EDUCATION: EHS, 1959; 1965 received diploma frm ICS pertaining to all areas of car repair and mechanics
OCCUPATION: Mayor of Emmaus 16 yrs.; retired from Mack Truck
QUALIFICATIONS: Mayor for 16 yrs. People person, work well with department supervisors – dedicated to the Borough of Emmaus and do so with integrity.
RESPONSE: I do not see a major issue. In my 16 yrs in office I am proud to say many roads were fixed, storm drains were replaced, what we need to do is upgrade the Borough Hall with heating and air conditioning and safer working conditions for our office personnel – also fix alleys and roads.

COUNCIL

Term: 4 years

Republican

Vote for three

JULIAN STOLZ
BRENT LABENBERG

Democrat

Vote for three

ROY ANDERS
WESLEY BARRETT
TREVOR SCHNECK

FOUNTAIN HILL

MAYOR

Term: 4 years

Republican

Vote for one

No candidates

Democrat

Vote for one

JOSE ROSADO

COUNCIL

Term: 4 years

Republican

Vote for four

No candidates

Democrat

Vote for four

LAWRENCE E. RAPP
HELEN M. HALLEMAN

MACUNGIE

MAYOR

Term: 4 years

Republican

Vote for one

No candidates

Democrat

Vote for one

GARY CORDNER

COUNCIL

Term: 4 years

Republican

Vote for four

JOHN YERMAN
ALMA AKINJIOLA
DAVID J. BOYKO
ROSEANN C. SCHLEICHER

SLATINGTON

MAYOR

Term: 4 years

Republican

Vote for one

WALTER NIEDERMEYER

Democrat

Vote for one

No candidates

COUNCIL

Term: 4 years

Republican

Vote for three

Jon W. Rinker
Bryon C. Reed
Daniel L. Stevens

Democrat

Vote for three

No candidates

TOWNSHIPS

Candidates were asked: What do you view as the major issue in this campaign and how will you address it?

HANOVER

COUNCIL

Term: 4 years

Republican

Vote for three

DEAN J. HAUSMAN
No response

RANDALL C. ATKINSON
D.O.B.: 1946
EDUCATION: Graduated Penn Manor High School, – Salutatorian, 1964; B.Ch.E. University of Delaware, 1970
OCCUPATION: Retired
QUALIFICATIONS: Government Study Commission, three years; Township Personnel Board, three years; Township Council, 32 years
RESPONSE: There is a small group of residents trying to take over Township Council to promote their own special interest at the expense of the township citizenry at large. With the aid of the majority of current Council members, I plan to expose their efforts and detail what current Council members will do to maintain and improve the open, ethical, and effective governmental body that I have fostered and helped develop since 1973.

FRANK M. DREISBACH
D.O.B.: 1948

EDUCATION: Central Catholic High School, 1966; associate degree in electronics from ETC, business courses at LCCC. Vietnam veteran
OCCUPATION: Retired after 37 years at Kraft Foods
QUALIFICATIONS: Coach, manager, president Northwest Little League for 13 yrs.; four yrs. Planning Commission; eight yrs. council member, presently chairman
RESPONSE: After twelve years of being involved in the government of Hanover Twsp., Lehigh County, I have come to realize how important it is to be open and honest and respectful of the wishes of the people I am serving. I encourage people to attend council meetings, streamed in the future so the residents know the facts on an issue rather than hearsay. Transparency is the goal.

JOSEPH R. HEIMBECKER
No response

HARRY CURTIS WEGFAHRT
No response

Democratic

Vote for three

BRUCE E. PAULUS

HEIDELBERG

SUPERVISOR

Term: 6 years

Republican

Vote for one

RODNEY K. SCHLAUCH JR.
D.O.B.: 1953
EDUCATION: Northwestern Lehigh High School, 1971; Muhlenberg College, B.A., 1981
OCCUPATION: Owner, The Mill in Germansville
QUALIFICATIONS: Heidelberg Township Planning Commission; business accounting manager, Ruhe Pontiac-Olds; business owner and farmer in Heidelberg Township
RESPONSE: The preservation of our rural lifestyle is the most important issue in our township. I will continue to support Heidelberg's ag zoning, to preserve our farms and keep our taxes low. I will work to support our local volunteer fire and ambulance organizations. I will work to support our local businesses and make sure we don't place undue burdens on them. I also support our local township recycling efforts. Heidelberg Township is a great place to live and raise a family. With your help, we can preserve what we have and plan for the future.

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CHARLES P. PERICH

D.O.B.: 1945

EDUCATION: H.S., 1963; Kutztown University, 1972; Lehigh University, 1974

OCCUPATION: Retired

QUALIFICATIONS: Township auditor (six yrs.), served on Referendum Committee, served as chair & member of the Environmental Advisory Committee (four yrs.)

RESPONSE: Very few people attend our Board and Committee meetings on a regular basis. Our Internet webpage has been poorly maintained. Using the excuse of saving money, there have been very few mailings of a newsletter to our residents. Having no other form of information connection, they are left to take the word of mouth rendition from those residents who may or may not have attended some or none of the board and committee meetings. I would make certain the minutes are logged into the web page in a timely manner and push to have them videotaped and uploaded to the Internet or our web page.

Democrat

Vote for one

No candidates

LOWER MACUNGIE

COMMISSIONER

Term: 4 years

Republican

Vote for three

RON H. EICHENBERG

D.O.B.: 1945

EDUCATION: B.S., education, Kutztown University

OCCUPATION: Managing director, commercial sales & development, The Frederick Group

QUALIFICATIONS: President, Board of Commissioners, Lower Macungie Township; president, Board of Directors, The Arc of Lehigh and Northampton Counties; vice president, Emmaus Main Street Partners Board; vice president growing a real estate company from one to 24 offices

RESPONSE: A survey by Vision Lehigh Valley identified business and job growth through economic development as a significant concern among those surveyed. This is a major issue in Lower Macungie as economic growth naturally follows the significant population growth Lower Macungie has experienced. My

knowledge and experience attained through 38 years as a Realtor and 10 years as a Commercial Realtor will be assets in helping Lower Macungie achieve the highest and best advantages from economic growth.

RYAN T. CONRAD

www.ConradForCommissioner.com

D.O.B.: 1980

EDUCATION: East Stroudsburg University, B.A.; Nelson A. Rockefeller College of Public Affairs & Policy, M.A.

OCCUPATION: Chief executive officer, LV Association of Realtors

QUALIFICATIONS: Currently Republican vice president of the Board of Commissioners; seeking re-election to second term after decisive victory as highest vote-getter in 2009; extensive business, management, legislative and political experience

RESPONSE: Residents deserve Commissioners who are principled leaders that work hard to deliver on the Republican ideals of fiscal responsibility, limited government, transparency, and a fundamental respect for private property rights. After my 2009 election, I committed to working hard to get results for our community. I'm proud of my record of protecting taxpayers by adopting responsible budgets, paying down debt, elevating the discussion on Smart Growth, and standing up for the safety of our families.

BRIAN HIGGINS

www.higgins4LMT.com

D.O.B.: 1972

EDUCATION: B.A., Monmouth University, 1994

OCCUPATION: Senior oncology specialist, ProStrakan Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

QUALIFICATIONS: Seven years, Lower Macungie Youth Association Board of Directors, president (2009-2011); Lower Macungie Zoning Hearing Board (2010-present); Lower Macungie 2020 Vision Committee

RESPONSE: The Lower Macungie Board of Commissioners must consider the needs of all of the citizens, not just those who agree with them. The practice of selective zoning to meet the needs of the few, at the expense of many, needs to end. Wasteful spending in order to justify a previous poor decision, while neglecting the needs of more significant assets, needs to stop. All conflicts of interests must be eradicated. It is time to take back the Township with inclusion for all!

RON BEITLER

www.RonBeitler.com

D.O.B.: 1979

EDUCATION: Emmaus High School; Slippery Rock University, B.A., political science

OCCUPATION: Owner, BarNone Weddings & Entertainment; providing wedding and event photography, film and entertainment services

QUALIFICATIONS: Being a lifelong township resident and a local small business owner gives me a unique perspective on how choices our elected officials make affect our quality of life

RESPONSE: 1.) Making development pay it's own way by stopping taxpayer subsidies. 2.) Protecting our property values. 3.) Open space preservation. Projections for Lower Macungie show continued development pressure. If we are to manage our traffic issues, strain on our schools and avoid large tax increases and we must address growth. The last 3 years we've added 700+ units to the development pipeline with no cost vs. benefit analysis of decisions to increase intensity of zoning regulations.

ROGER C. REIS

D.O.B.: 1943

EDUCATION: Master's degree in public administration, Kutztown University; bachelor of science degree in the administration of justice, Penn State Univ.

OCCUPATION: Commissioner in Lower Macungie Township; real estate salesperson

QUALIFICATIONS: Incumbent with three years experience. Five years on Public Safety Commission. Former Lehigh County commissioner. Honorable discharge, U.S. Air Force

RESPONSE: 1- Land Development. We need to continue to have public discussion and dialogue about these issues. The Jaendl case has been settled. I hope we can look forward and stop looking back. 2 - Police Services Study. My 25 years of experience with the Pennsylvania State Police makes me uniquely qualified to keep this Study moving ahead. 3 - Low taxes. We have not had a tax hike since I was elected. I want to continue that policy.

Democrat

Vote for three

JOHN A. YURASITS

LOWER MILFORD

SUPERVISOR

Term: 6 years

Republican

Vote for one

MICHAEL SNOVITCH

D.O.B.: 1946

EDUCATION: Bachelor degree in School of Engineering from Penn State; master's degree in School of Engineering from Lehigh University; graduate of Columbia University Executive Program; attended

Penn State Financial Knowledge for Executives Program; professional engineer

OCCUPATION: Executive director of a Washington D.C. based shipper organization

QUALIFICATIONS: Currently township supervisor. Planning Commission member, 25 years, and chairman for 15 years

RESPONSE: Continue my commitment to fiscal responsibility and maintaining the rural character of our Township. Through strict budget controls and the efficient use of Township resources, the need for tax increases can be avoided.

GAIL A. HUNSBERGER

<http://knowlowermilford.com>

D.O.B.: 1971

EDUCATION: Bachelors of science in degree in nursing, DeSales University (formerly Allentown College) 1999

OCCUPATION: Flight nurse

QUALIFICATIONS: Church: Vice president of Consistory and Treasure. Safety officer, Lower Milford Fire Company

RESPONSE: I feel we need transparent communication between the residents and the local government. Therefore, leaving the general public with a knowledge deficit, related to major topics and the inter-workings of our government office. Through education and improved communication, the residents will be empowered to make well-informed decisions. This can easily be accomplished by utilizing modern technology for meetings and our current newsletter to include non-bias education related to residential concerns.

Democrat

Vote for one

No candidates

LOWHILL

SUPERVISOR

Term: 6 years

Republican

Vote for one

GEORGE W. WESSNER JR.

Democrat

Vote for one

No candidates

LYNN

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SYMBOLS: // Indicate where a candidate's response was cut because it exceeded the word limit.

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SUPERVISOR

Term: 6 years

Republican

Vote for one

DAVID C. NAJARIAN
www.keinehinkeldreck.org
D.O.B.: 1963
EDUCATION: Widener University School of Law, J.D., 2000; DeSales University, MBA, 1996, BS-CS, 1989
OCCUPATION: Attorney, Law Offices of David C. Najarian
QUALIFICATIONS: Lynn Township supervisor, 2006 to 2011; assistant solicitor, Upper Saucon Township, 2008-2010; assistant solicitor, Borough of Catasauqua, 2008-2010; assistant solicitor, Washington Township Zoning Hearing Board, 2008
RESPONSE: The current Board weakened fiscal safeguards put in during my term. Basic services and planning are suffering. This will jeopardize our Township's fiscal health. I cut property taxes 40%, eliminated the per-capita tax and we repealed the amusement tax, yet ended with a fifth surplus in six years. This occurred while Township services actually increased. My record shows that with vigilance and proper planning, the Township could maintain all services without yearly property taxes.

STEVE I. FEINOUR
D.O.B.: 1961
EDUCATION: 1979 graduate of North-western Lehigh High School
OCCUPATION: I own and operate Feinour's Automotive in New Tripoli. Feinour's Automotive is a family owned, Lynn Township business since 1955.
QUALIFICATIONS: Served on: Lynn Township Planning Commission; Lynn Township Sewer Authority; Lynn Township Alternate Board. Currently serving on Lynn Township Zoning Board.
RESPONSE: The major issue in this campaign is maintaining the efficiency of the Lynn Township government. This can only occur when the Board of Supervisors can navigate the problems that arise when activity is stagnant but services must still be provided. I believe my years of business experience and knowledge of the Lynn Township government will enable me to provide the guidance to maintain fiscal responsibility, needed services, and measured growth.

Democrat

Vote for one

SCOTT FEINOUR

NORTH WHITEHALL

SUPERVISOR

Term: 6 years

Republican

Vote for one

RONALD J. HEINTZELMAN

Democrat

Vote for one

No candidates

SUPERVISOR

Term: 2 years

Republican

Vote for one

RICHARD CELMER
D.O.B.: 1943
EDUCATION: Graduated from Reading High School (1961); served three years active duty in the US Army (1964-1967) Pa. Professional Land Surveyor (1973)
OCCUPATION: Retired
QUALIFICATIONS: Municipal project manager for 28 municipalities in six counties in eastern Pa. that included townships of the 1st and 2nd Class, boroughs and planning commissions. (1972-2010)
RESPONSE: The acceptable transition from working Supervisors to Township Administrators. The number of Supervisors should be increased to five with all members serving in an administrative position in all aspects of Township operations, making decisions that best serve all the residents of NWT. The appointed professionals and staff will be responsible for providing the Supervisors with their guidance and recommendations relative to their area of expertise.

MARK H. HILLS JR.
D.O.B.: 1942
EDUCATION: Graduate, Northampton High School, 1960
OCCUPATION: Retired
QUALIFICATIONS: Board of Supervisors, appointee, June 2012. Chosen by board from approximately nine individuals that expressed interest in filling the seat.
RESPONSE: There are too many pressing issues. It would be too difficult to cover any one topic with a 75-word limit. I will list a few of the most important issues as follows: Develop a plan to attract both

small business and light industrial companies to our township. Revise Act 537, work closely with the DRBC to obtain approval to use the Coplay Creek for purified effluent discharge. Plan and implement a new waste water treatment plant.

Democrat

Vote for one

SAMANTHA L. NEAS

SALISBURY

COMMISSIONER, 2ND WARD

Term: 4 years

Republican

Vote for one

No candidates

Democrat

Vote for one

No candidates

COMMISSIONER, 4TH WARD

Term: 4 years

Republican

Vote for one

JAMES A. BROWN

Democrat

Vote for one

No candidates

SOUTH WHITEHALL

COMMISSIONER

Term: 4 years

Republican

Vote for two

THOMAS J. JOHNS
CHRISTINA TORI MORGAN

Democrat

Vote for two

No candidates

UPPER MACUNGIE

SUPERVISOR

Term: 6 years

Republican

Vote for one

EDWARD J. EARLEY
D.O.B.: 1941
EDUCATION: B.S., University of Scranton, M.S., University of Scranton; M.S., SUNY at Albany, Ed.D. SUNY at Albany
OCCUPATION: Township supervisor
QUALIFICATIONS: President, Board of Directors, Applewood Association (1987-2002); chairman, Upper Macungie Recreation Board (1993-1999); chairman, Upper Macungie Township Board of Supervisors (2006-present); chairman, Upper Macungie Township Authority (2006-present); chairman, Berks-Lehigh Regional Police Commission (2007-present)
RESPONSE: The major issue confronting Upper Macungie Township is managing the residential and commercial growth. This is being addressed admirably by our Planning Commission, Zoning Hearing Board, Building Code Official, Fire Commissioner, Director of Public Works and our Police Department. The public has to be aware that a property owner has a right, under existing ordinances, to develop their property as they choose. Residents are strongly encouraged to attend township meetings to fully understand the process.

JAMES BRUNELL
D.O.B.: 1966
EDUCATION: Southern Lehigh HS, 1983; Penn State University
OCCUPATION: General manager, Optimum Controls Corp.
QUALIFICATIONS: I have been managing operations for a control based contracting corporation, which primarily works in the public sector. The company currently employs 95 employees. Many are degreed engineers, project managers, system programmers, and various field and production personnel. Having project and corporate profit and loss responsibility as well as HR management responsibility has sharpened the skills required for this position.
RESPONSE: Our current leadership has lost the connection with the people they serve. Our Township has been spending recklessly. The current trend of spending is at a rate I don't think we can sustain without an increase in taxes. We were recently assessed a 100% increase. We are taking in more revenue, yet our rainy day fund continues to decrease. They are unable to listen to the residents. They are angered when asked to answer the tough questions.

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Democrat

Vote for one

CHRISTOPHER T. CASEY

UPPER MILFORD

SUPERVISOR

Term: 6 years

Republican

Vote for one

DANIEL J. MOHR

D.O.B.: 1953

EDUCATION: Emmaus High School, 1971; Electrician's School, US Navy, 1972; LCCC courses in land surveying and drafting; NIMS training

OCCUPATION: Plumber, president, Mohr's Plumbing & Heating

QUALIFICATIONS: Lifetime resident; Upper Milford Township supervisor, 12 years; Planning Commission, 18 years; Vera Cruz Community Association Member/Officer, 24 years; East Penn Business Council board member, delegate

RESPONSE: Maintaining the townships rural character, by supporting farmland & open space preservation, and minimizing urban sprawl while maintaining responsible new growth & development. Improving traffic flow through our township and neighboring townships, impacting our roads and neighborhoods by working with the State & neighboring municipalities. Providing adequate services to residents, through fiscal responsibility and without creating a tax burden. I will continue to encourage open communication, transparency, and cooperation between township organizations and its residents.

JAMES R. KRIPPE

No response

Democrat

Vote for one

JOYCE K. MOORE

UPPER SAUCON

SUPERVISOR

Term: 6 years

Republican

Vote for one

GERARD ANTHONY

www.gerryanthony.com

D.O.B.: 1958

EDUCATION: Graduate, Bethlehem Catholic High School, 1976; B.A., Kutztown State College, 1980

OCCUPATION: Service manager at G-Tech Solutions

QUALIFICATIONS: Planning commission, 12 years; Environmental Advisory Council, two years; New Jerusalem Lutheran Church Council, four years; New Jerusalem Lutheran Church Treasurer, two years

RESPONSE: My top issue in this campaign is to increase revenue without increasing taxes. This revenue could come from inviting commercial development on the Route 309 corridor, similar to the small businesses that already prosper in that area. Another important issue is to increase Parks and Recreation areas and to preserve open space, such as the current proposal near Hopewell Elementary School, and the expansion of the Rail Trail.

JOE RIZZUTTO

No response

PHILIP SPAETH

D.O.B.: 1949

EDUCATION: MBA, State University of Buffalo; B.S., Chemical Engineering, Ohio University

OCCUPATION: Certified purchasing manager

QUALIFICATIONS: My wife and I have lived in Upper Saucon for 36 years raising three children. I have served on the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors building the new Community Park, Library, and Township, Police, Fire and Ambulance Corp. facilities.

RESPONSE: How do we maintain the beauty and character of our Township while making our government more fiscally responsible and responsive to our residents? I will support the continued expansion of our community parks and recreation programs and finish the Rails to Trails Project while looking for opportunities to preserve open space. I will use my business background to control costs and improve efficiency, and I will make myself available for open dialog with our residents.

DORIS CLEGG

D.O.B.: 1951

EDUCATION: Bachelor's degree, Temple University, 1989

OCCUPATION: Learning specialist, Training and Development Dept., SKF USA: I provide and facilitate employee learning throughout our organization in North America.

QUALIFICATIONS: Current vice chair of Upper Saucon Township's EAC, member, two year. Prior: Served on Doylestown Township's EAC nine years, seven as chair

RESPONSE: The most important issue confronting Upper Saucon Township is preserving and strengthening our current zoning regulations. These zoning regulations must be enforced by people without conflict of interest. The regulations are needed to protect the quality of life in this township and make it a sustainable community for the future. It will be crucially important to use strong planning and financial tools to protect our resources and maintain our infrastructure for years to come.

Democrat

Vote for one

No candidates

WASHINGTON

SUPERVISOR

Term: 6 years

Republican

Vote for one

MICHAEL P. YESIK

Democrat

Vote for one

JOSH B. FRIEBOLIN

WEISENBERG

SUPERVISOR

Term: 6 years

Republican

Vote for one

THOMAS N. WEHR

Democrat

Vote for one

No candidates

WHITEHALL

COMMISSIONER

Term: 4 years

Republican

Vote for three

No candidates

Democrat

Vote for three

PAUL F. GEISSINGER

D.O.B.: 1952

EDUCATION: Whitehall High School, 1970; electronics technology degree, Ryder Technical Institute, 1972

OCCUPATION: Electrician and self-employed owner of Shankweiler's Drive-In Theatre

QUALIFICATIONS: Whitehall Township Park & Recreation Board member, 1991-2000; Recreation Commission member, 1993-2000; Park, Open Space and Recreation Strategic Planning Committee, 1991-1993 and 2002-2004; Planning Commission, 2005-2008; commissioner, 2008 to present.

RESPONSE: 1. Aging infrastructure. Strategic planning and initiative to address the aging and deteriorating older properties. Simplified planning and re-development process. Address neighborhood zoning issues. 2. Taxes. Continue to keep spending and taxes in check.

THOMAS SLONAKER

D.O.B.: 1952

EDUCATION: MBA, finance, Wilkes University; B.A., economics, DeSales University; Allentown Central Catholic, 1970

OCCUPATION: Senior tax analyst, United Tax Associates, enrolled agent to practice before the Internal Revenue Service. Licensed insurance representative

QUALIFICATIONS: Whitehall Township commissioner, past president; Lehigh County controller; Whitehall Township treasurer; Whitehall Lions Club past president; member of Egypt Memorial Park.

RESPONSE: As the representative for the township we must continue to maintain a responsible tax base, provide controlled growth and increased public safety. To accomplish these needs, I will utilize my unique experience of being on the Board of Commissioners and Township Treasurer. This along with the experience of being County Controller affords me the ability to appropriately analyze and address the concerns of the township while ensuring proper use of your tax dollars.

BARRY E. WALAKOVITS

D.O.B.: 1954

EDUCATION: Whitehall High School, 1972; B.A., government & public administration, Indiana U of PA, 1976; B.A., accounting, Muhlenberg College, 1990

OCCUPATION: USPS letter carrier

QUALIFICATIONS: Public service: Whitehall Recreation Commission, 10 years, nonconsecutive; Whitehall Township Commissioner, one year, nonconsecutive

RESPONSE: Taxes are worrisome for many households. Although they are a necessity, government's obligation is to

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be a good steward in making certain citizens are provided a fair return on the services received. By being receptive to the opinions of the people, current spending practices can be examined with the possibility of adjustments I keeping the tax rate more manageable and keeping needed services.

JERRY PALAGONIA

D.O.B.: 1945

EDUCATION: B.A., criminal justice administration, Alvernia College, 1976

OCCUPATION: Retired policeman / school teacher

QUALIFICATIONS: Three years on the Whitehall Zoning Board; 11 years on the Whitehall Board of Commissioners

RESPONSE: 1. Keeping taxes as low as possible, without jeopardizing the excellent services our residents are provided. 2. Keeping open space land in our northern district for farming. 3. Improving play grounds and recreation areas. 4. Support existing business in Whitehall, and promoting new business in an effort to keep residents taxes from increasing! 5. Making intelligent decisions to improve the public safety and infrastructure in establishing Whitehall as a great place to live and do business.

COMMISSIONER

Term: 2 years

Republican

Vote for one

No candidates

Democrat

Vote for one

THOMAS SLONAKER

see above

LINDA K. SNYDER

see above

PAUL F. GEISSINGER

see above

CITY

Candidates were asked: What do you view as the major issue in this campaign and how will you address it?

ALLENTOWN

MAYOR

Term: 4 years

Republican

Vote for one

No candidates

Democrat

Vote for one

EDWIN PAWLOWSKI

COUNCIL

Term: 4 years

Republican

Vote for four

No candidates

Democrat

Vote for four

RAY O'CONNELL

D.O.B.: 1949

EDUCATION: 1967, Whitehall High School; 1971, Kutztown State University, B.S.; 1977, Lehigh University, M.Ed / K-12 Principals Certification

OCCUPATION: Retired

QUALIFICATIONS: Current city council person; 38 yrs Allentown School District; three yrs. Allentown Recreation Commission; three yrs. Allentown Human Relations Commission; past board member, Big Brothers/Big Sisters of L.V.; current board member, Allentown Adult Literacy Center

RESPONSE: 1. Public Safety: As we continue to move forward with our downtown redevelopment & economic revitalizations, the people need to feel safe coming into our city. 2. Economic Development: We need to continue to develop our city in whatever means necessary. The creation of the NIZ will give Allentown the needed boost to this goal. 3. Pension Reform: We need to work with our state Legislatures to ensure that we create a fairer system of pensions.

DARYL L. HENDRICKS

<http://hendricksforallentown>

D.O.B.: 1953

EDUCATION: L.E. Dieruff High School, 1971; A.A.S. LCCC, 1995 (Honors); Degree courses @ Muhlenberg College Wescoe School

OCCUPATION: Captain, Allentown Police Dept. (35-yr. member)

QUALIFICATIONS: First vice president, Dream Come True; treasurer, F.O.D. widow & orphans relief & welfare foundation; police liaison, Allentown Human Relations Commission; Union Terrace Athletic

Assoc. (10 yrs.) – inducted to Hall of Fame; chairman, Allentown Traffic Advisory Committee ///

RESPONSE: Everyone wants to live in a city with neighborhoods safe for families to raise their children free of crime, noise, littering and nuisances affecting their everyday lives, while offering amenities such as arts, parks & recreation. They want to feel confident that Allentown is prospering, properties are maintained & cultural diversities are celebrated, resulting in an enhanced quality of life. I am committed to the goal of helping Allentown become a city of which its citizens can be proud.

DAVID N. MELMAN

No response

ALFONSO TODD III

No response

JEFFREY GLAZIER

D.O.B.: 1957

EDUCATION: William Allen HS, 1975; Penn State, B.A., 1979; Penn State, MPA, 1980

OCCUPATION: Merchant

QUALIFICATIONS: Six years, Allentown Public Library board member; 12 years, Allentown School District board member; third generation owner of a small business in downtown Allentown

RESPONSE: Allentown's continued progress toward financial stability is the major issue. Keeping Allentown as a livable city requires great amounts of services, but we have only limited means to pay. I am committed to increasing our efficiency where possible as well as increasing transparency in making those financial decisions.

CARMEN BELL

D.O.B.: 1955

EDUCATION: B.A., City College of NY, 1978

OCCUPATION: Mental health counselor

QUALIFICATIONS: More than 25 years of business and management experience; Lehigh County Democratic Committee – Executive Committee member; Lehigh County Democratic Committeeperson and District 4 representative; treasurer, Hamilton Park Neighborhood Association

RESPONSE: We must create an environment that is attractive to businesses and residents. To do this, we must fight crime, be fiscally responsible, encourage the participation of residents in government, and be open and forthcoming. I will work to reduce crime with an appropriately staffed police department that has greater communication with residents. I will also work to ensure transparency regarding expenditures, projects under consideration, and how you will benefit from these projects.

JULIO A. GURIDY

www.JulioGuridy.org

D.O.B.: not provided

EDUCATION: Graduate, Freedom High School, 1980; B.A., sociology, East Stroudsburg University; M.A., sociology, Indiana University of Pennsylvania

OCCUPATION: President, Allentown City Council; director, the Compact Authorized Investments Program, Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission

QUALIFICATIONS: City Council member, 12 years; City Council president, since 2012.

RESPONSE: As a council member for 12 years and a small business owner, I have the experience to facilitate further economic development throughout all parts of the city. I have a Five Point Plan to make Allentown a better city. My objectives are: Further the "One Allentown for All" agenda, extend neighborhood development initiatives & revitalize the waterfront, tougher legislation to further enhance our community, keep our streets safe, and continue to enhance our park system.

CYNTHIA Y. MOTA

www.cynthiamota.com

D.O.B.: not provided

EDUCATION: Graduate, Dieruff High School; B.A., sociology and Spanish, East Stroudsburg University, 1977; M.A., human development, Pacific Oaks College

OCCUPATION: Allentown city councilwoman; social worker

QUALIFICATIONS: Council member since 2012. Extensive experience in social work with adults and children as a family counselor for Community Services for Children, case manager for NHS Human Services, and clinical coordinator for the Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse

RESPONSE: Providing the basic human services to our residents is the major issue in this campaign. My compassion and background has provided me with the experience to best serve the residents of the city of Allentown. I have a Five Point Plan to keep Allentown moving forward. My objectives are: Continue progress of economic development, initiatives to encourage safer neighborhoods, further encourage community unity, stricter fiscal accountability, and to improve parks and recreation.

KIMBERLY D. VELEZ

www.kimvelezforcitycouncil.com

D.O.B.: 1984

EDUCATION: Hofstra University with honors, School of Communications and made the dean's list; B.A. in broadcast journalism, minor in political science

OCCUPATION: Currently a manager, Marketing and Public Affairs at Lehigh Valley Health Network. It is fulfilling and rewarding work. I lead marketing/public affairs efforts for all areas of the Women's and Children's service line ///

QUALIFICATIONS: Extensive managerial experience. Former manager, Strategic

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Marketing at USA Networks. Commitment to moving Allentown forward
RESPONSE: Residents of Allentown should have a voice when major decisions like whether or not to lease precious natural resources such as our water are being made. City Council members should not be muzzling democracy or voting 100% of the time with the mayor. I will be an independent voice for the people of Allentown's best interests on City Council and will consider every issue based only on its own merit.

COUNCIL

Term: 2 years

Republican

Vote for one

No candidates

Democrat

Vote for one

JOSEPH DAVIS

SCHOOLS

Candidates were asked: What do you view as the major issue in this campaign and how will you address it?

ALLENTOWN

City of Allentown except two voting districts in South Whitehall Township

Term: 4 years

**Republican/Democrat
(cross-filed)**

Vote for four

STEVEN RAMOS

No response

MIKE WELSH

D.O.B.: 1962

EDUCATION: Bachelor's, DeSales University, 1985

OCCUPATION: Independent insurance agent, AC Thompson Insurance

QUALIFICATIONS: 2008 Republican candidate for state representative; 2009 Republican candidate for county commissioner; board president, Liberty Bell Shrine Museum; board president, Allentown Flag Day Association

RESPONSE: Perhaps the most pressing

issue in this campaign is providing the best education possible for our children while recognizing the financial limitations of our taxpayers. I am committed to working with school board members to find this balance and provide our children with the education they deserve and in a way the district can afford.

DEBRA H. LAMB

D.O.B.: 1954

EDUCATION: B.A., Wesleyan University, 1976

OCCUPATION: VP of development, Lehigh Valley Children's Centers

QUALIFICATIONS: Allentown School Board, 2009-present, vice president 2012-13; Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unite 21 Board, 2011-present; Allentown School District Foundation Board, 2009-2012; Allentown Human Relations Commission, 2009-2011; parent of two ASD graduates; 13-year ASD volunteer

RESPONSE: Allentown students have been shortchanged by devastating state funding cuts and costly mandates that do not benefit local children. ASD must partner with city government and state legislators to increase funding while reducing costs through innovation. Creative arts and physical education are essential to healthy child development and must be provided in some form. Continued improvements to safety, guidance counseling and parent/community involvement will help more students succeed academically.

KENNETH R. WOOLLEY JR.

D.O.B.: 1951

EDUCATION: Dieruff H.S., 1969; Kutztown State College, 1977, B.S.; Pa. Dept of Ed. 2000, MEQ; Pa. Certified Addictions Counselor, 1985

OCCUPATION: Retired teacher

QUALIFICATIONS: Council for Basic Education Fellowship Award, 1992; Daughters of the American Revolution – Outstanding Teacher of American History 1998; coached numerous A.S.D. high school and middle school sports; U.S.A.F. officer, Vietnam veteran

RESPONSE: The biggest issue confronting our district is the loss of funding and the loss of classes and staff. During my teaching career in Allentown I have experienced the problems that are manifested by today's crisis. First, we need to include all segments of our community and district. We need to hear everyone's ideas, concerns and remedies. We also need to treat all sides with respect and work together for a solution. Our children's future should be our first priority.

DAVID F. ZIMMERMAN

D.O.B.: 1951

EDUCATION: Parkland High School, 1968; University of Miami, BBA, 1972; Columbia Millman School of Public Health, MPH, 1992

OCCUPATION: Lehigh Valley Health Network-Community Health & Health Research, data analyst; White Deer Run of Allentown, RCR Health Corp., Adolescent Substance Abuse

QUALIFICATIONS: Allentown School District, School Board, four years; co-chair Finance & Budget Committee, four years; Lehigh Career & Technology Institute, Joint Operating Committee, two years; Allentown Public Library, Board of Directors, two years //

RESPONSE: The current educational system is NOT WORKING in the ASD. Relevant curriculum needs to be developed locally not mandated nationally. Secondly, we need to find new ways to finance education such as using sales taxes, a NIZ tax and contributions for taxable and tax free corporate partners in Allentown. I continue to compel the administration to seek alternatives in curriculum and financing to better meet the needs of the students and taxpayers of Allentown.

Democrat

Vote for four

ELLEN B. BISHOP

D.O.B.: 1952

EDUCATION: 1974, Harvard, B.A.; 1978, University of Michigan, M.D.

OCCUPATION: Retired pediatrician

QUALIFICATIONS: Allentown School Board Director since 2009; co-chair Education Committee, 2012-present; Allentown Public Library Board member since 2010, president 2012-present; volunteer assistant coach WAHS girls tennis team since 2002; co-chair ASD High School Reform committee 2004-2005.

RESPONSE: Facing the severe constraints of our current budget and the many needs of our diverse population, our challenge is to lead our students toward academic excellence within that budget. We need to build on the success of our community schools where parents, teachers, businesses and local organizations are working collaboratively to provide innovative programs to motivate and support our students. All of our students deserve a safe learning environment and quality educational opportunity.

CATASAUQUA AREA

Catasauqua Borough & Hanover Township, Lehigh County; North Catasauqua Borough, Northampton County

Term: 4 years

**Republican/Democrat
(cross-filed)**

Vote for four

DONALD J. PANTO II

CHRISTINE NACE

PENNY A. HAHN

Democrat

Vote for four

SALLY J. REISS

Term: 2 years

**Republican/Democrat
(cross-filed)**

Vote for one

DUANE DEITRICH

North Catasauqua

D.O.B.: 1968

EDUCATION: Graduate of Lakota High School, 1987. B.B.A., University of Toledo, 1991. Pursuing MBA from DeSales University, expected completion March 2014

OCCUPATION: Project manager of national customer relations for Dun & Bradstreet

QUALIFICATIONS: Currently holds this office; active leadership with Cub Pack 94 and Catasauqua Music Arts Association

RESPONSE: A major issue in this campaign is the ability for the Catasauqua School District to achieve educational excellence in the 21st century. To address this, we must embrace the changes in the community & technology, leverage available resources, and take full advantage of the opportunities presented by growing diversity. In addition, all aspects of the educational experience must be utilized including curriculum, the arts and extra-curricular activities.

CHRISTINE NACE

No response

EAST PENN

Alburtis, Emmaus, Macungie Boroughs. Lower Macungie, Upper Milford townships

Term: 4 years

**Republican/Democrat
(cross-filed)**

Vote for four

CHRISTOPHER DONATELLI

Lower Macungie Township

www.TeamEPSD.org

D.O.B.: 1963

EDUCATION: Notre Dame High School, East Stroudsburg, 1981; B.S. Villanova, 1975

OCCUPATION: Engineer, technical sales, Precision Filtration Products, Pennsburg.

QUALIFICATIONS: My years of management experience give me expertise in budget preparation, forecasting, and cost

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justifications. Developed leadership skills from volunteering as a Scout Leader developing teams of Scouts able to work together.

RESPONSE: I have noticed a negative and disruptive attitude during school board meetings that causes board members to snipe at each other and argue amongst themselves while debating important issues regarding the education and safety of our children. I will work to end the acrimony and personality conflicts that prevent rational discussion of issues. This will result in greater participation by parents, teachers and taxpayers in school policy and board decisions.

ALAN EARNSHAW

Macungie
www.ElectEarnshaw.org

D.O.B.: 1966

EDUCATION: B.S., marketing, Brigham Young University

OCCUPATION: Manager, business intelligence and process improvement, Air Products

QUALIFICATIONS: Father of four East Penn students. Board member since 2001; vice president for over five years; president for two years. Member of LCTI board; vice chair for two years; chair since December 2011. Extensive school board experience.

RESPONSE: Maintaining our high standards, making appropriate investments in academic, arts, and athletic programs, and ensuring all students have the resources they need to succeed while continuing to control costs. East Penn's spending per student is 6.5% below the state average; our students perform well above average on every measure. We will continue identifying areas for further reductions, freeing up resources to preserve the high quality programs our students and their families deserve.

ALECIA WEAVER

No response

MICHAEL MOXLEY

No response

ZIAD MUNSON

Emmaus
www.munson4eastpenn.org

D.O.B.: 1970

EDUCATION: Public high school graduate, 1989; B.A., University of Chicago, 1993; M.A., Harvard University, 1996; PhD., Harvard University, 2002

OCCUPATION: Associate professor, Lehigh University

QUALIFICATIONS: Parent; taxpayer; volunteer in schools (e.g. PTO, crossing

guard) and community (e.g. soccer coach, public library board); educational and professional experience to analyze and solve complex problems.

RESPONSE: We need excellent schools focused on the needs of today's world, including programs like science, the arts and athletics. And we also need to keep taxes low, cut waste and protect home values in the district. The biggest issue in this campaign is which candidates are most committed and qualified to find the balance between these needs; I will face these complex issues with accurate information and fair-minded judgment, rather than politics.

WANDA MERCADO-ARROYO

Lower Macungie Township
www.teamepsd.org

D.O.B.: 1958

EDUCATION: Graduate, Franklin D. Roosevelt HS, Guanica, Puerto Rico, 1976; B.S., University of Puerto Rico, 1981; M.S. & certification in educational administration, University of Houston, TX.

OCCUPATION: President & CEO for AM International Consultants Inc.

QUALIFICATIONS: My years of experience in the field of school & administration (20+ years) as well as my expertise in the business world (eight years) along with my experience serving on numerous nonprofit organizations (10+ years) in the Lehigh Valley such as Casa Guadalupe, Girls Scouts Eastern Pennsylvania, DaVinci Center has given me the necessary leadership skills ///

RESPONSE: A responsible citizenry must support quality schooling but the directors must maintain a careful balance of the district's needs versus the cost to the taxpayers. Keeping costs in check while providing a quality education benefits the entire community. As a school director I will monitor the bottom line while emphasizing: instructional leadership; a clearly stated and focused mission; a safe, positive environment; high expectations for all students; careful oversight of student progress; maximization of learning opportunities. ///

REBECCA HEID

Upper Milford Township

D.O.B.: 1978

EDUCATION: 2000, Penn State University, B.S.; 2003, Johnson & Wales University, MBA; 2009, Lehigh Valley College, certificate in graphic design

OCCUPATION: Assistant professor in hotel/restaurant management at Northampton Community College

QUALIFICATIONS: Five years' experience in education industry / trained evaluator for Accredited Commission of Independent and Small Colleges. Believe in community service and volunteer work. Served three plus years as an East Penn School Board Director. Member of Joint Operation Board at Lehigh Career and Technical

Institute ///

RESPONSE: I believe that everyone in the community has a voice. As a current school board member, I have to be open to listen to ALL members of our contributing society. We need to continually practice proper budgeting to offer superior education at a manageable expense. I have made a practice of making my decisions based on the taxpayers concerns and I plan on keeping this as my practice when it comes to our educational system.

GARRETT RHOADS

Lower Macungie Township
www.TeamEPSD.org

D.O.B.: 1972

EDUCATION: Emmaus H.S. graduate, 1990; Lehigh University, 1990-1992

OCCUPATION: Entrepreneur/business owner

QUALIFICATIONS: Founder, Eastern Pennsylvania Business Owners Network; Board of Advisors, Business & Community Alliance; council member emeritus, Nativity Lutheran Church; committeeman, Lehigh Valley Business Group; member, Lehigh Valley Elite Network; member, Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce & Whitehall Chamber of Commerce.

RESPONSE: The current acrimony and personality conflicts that pervade school board meetings are hurting the education of our children. These unnecessary distractions prevent important civilized discussions from taking place. I will work to restore productive cooperation amongst my fellow board members while promoting policies that increase public participation in district decision making. It is vital that we put the "Public" back into Public Education and give parents, teachers and taxpayers an equal voice in the process.

NORTHERN LEHIGH

Slatington Borough & Washington Township, Lehigh County; Walnutport Borough, Northampton County

Term: 4 years

Republican/Democrat
(cross-filed)

Vote for four

GREGORY S. WILLIAMS

Walnutport

D.O.B.: 1977

EDUCATION: Graduate, Salisbury H.S., 1995; graduate, Desales University, 1999, B.A., political science

OCCUPATION: Business manager at Rentschler Dealerships in Slatington

QUALIFICATIONS: Eight years as school board member with proven record of keeping taxes stable while focusing on education improvements. Assistant di-

rector & coach of NLYAA soccer. 13 years of management experience at Rentschler.

RESPONSE: As always, the biggest focus for our district is to find ways to do more with less. We have fought successfully to keep taxes stable over the past eight years. Just as importantly, we have been successful in continuously improving the quality of education without additional resources. This can only be done with a total team effort of the board and all employees and I will continue to maintain and grow this teamwork if re-elected.

LAUREN A. GANSER

Washington Township

D.O.B.: Not provided

EDUCATION: LCCC graduate, criminal justice & special education; 2012 graduate of Cedar Crest, criminal justice & psychology

OCCUPATION: Behavioral health therapist, substitute teacher & PIAA sports official

QUALIFICATIONS: NL School Board member for three terms, currently running for my fourth term; worked as a volunteer for various community organizations; participate in cause directed agenda's for good and positive results.

RESPONSE: One thing which is a major obstacle or issue and usually is in any electoral is the limited funding and how the government mandates restrict how school districts can function. Unfortunately in our busy lives we tend not to get more involved in how the administration of our state makes decisions instead of contacting our government leaders to insist upon their diligence for doing what is in the best interest of their constituents.

NATALIE J. GREEN

No response

GARY S. FEDORCHA

Slatington

D.O.B.: 1949

EDUCATION: B.S., M.S., education, Temple University

OCCUPATION: Semi-retired, working part-time Wm Merluzzi Insurance Agency

QUALIFICATIONS: 16 years a Northern Lehigh School Director, retired teacher/administrator, held many leadership roles

RESPONSE: I have chosen to run for re-election for Northern Lehigh School Board because of my long time and extensive experience in all phases of education. I want to help assure that we are providing the highest quality of education for all of students. Providing the tools they need to meet the need changing technology. Providing our students the best education and opportunities to achieve the career they choose for their future.

Republican

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Vote for four

ROBERT J. KEEGAN JR.

Washington Township

D.O.B.: 1951

EDUCATION: Archbishop Wood H.S. 1968; Penn State University, 1974, B.S., education; Temple University, 1977, master's in education

OCCUPATION: Retired

QUALIFICATIONS: Lifelong educator (36+ years in public education); teacher; school administrator; retired executive director of the Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit 2010; former mayor, borough of Slatington, 1994-2001

RESPONSE: Two issues: 1) Improve student achievement scores and 2) provide a quality education to the students of Northern Lehigh School District in a cost-effective manner.

NORTHWESTERN LEHIGH

Heidelberg, Lowhill, Lynn, Weisenberg townships

Term: 4 years

**Republican/Democrat
(cross-filed)**

Vote for four

PAUL C. FISHER JR.

DARRYL SCHAFFER

PHILLIP TOLL

TODD HERNANDEZ

PARKLAND

North Whitehall, South Whitehall, Upper Macungie townships. Part of Allentown: 17th Ward, 4th District; 18th Ward, 2nd District

Term: 4 years

**Republican/Democrat
(cross-filed)**

Vote for four

MARK A. HANICHAK

BARRY LONG

DAVID J. HEIN

ROBERT M. COHEN

SALISBURY

Salisbury Township

Term: 4 years

**Republican/Democrat
(cross-filed)**

Vote for four

ROBERT FISCHER

No response

AUDREY H. FRICK

D.O.B.: 1963

EDUCATION: Cum Laude graduate, B.S., economics, Lebanon Valley College, 1985; elementary education, teaching certification, DeSales University, Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society, 2005

OCCUPATION: First-grade teacher, St. Ann School, Emmaus

QUALIFICATIONS: 20-year resident of Salisbury Township; raised family, three children (two current) attending Salisbury School District; first-grade teacher, seven years.

RESPONSE: At this time I would like to open the communication between tax-paying residents/parents and administrators/school board members. I plan to offer my skills as an educator and my experience as a mom and business person, to approach spending and budget decisions as a means toward this goal. We deserve to have input as to where our tax money should be spent. In the end, we need to provide more opportunities for our students.

CHAD GLEISSL

www.chadgleissl.com

D.O.B.: 1995

EDUCATION: Salisbury High School, expected graduation date 2014

OCCUPATION: Full-time student at Salisbury High School

QUALIFICATIONS: Current student at Salisbury School District; job shadowed at Allentown mayor's office

RESPONSE: Chad has been planing his campaign for quiet some time, and decided to run because he wants to work to restore school spirit. He also will work to create and pass a balanced budget for the school district threw responsible spending. Chad wants to work to create a fair tax rate for the district as well as provide a safety net for the district employees.

MARY L. ZIEGLER

D.O.B.: 1955

EDUCATION: Graduate, Salisbury High, 1972; office assistant, LCCC

OCCUPATION: Administrative assistant

QUALIFICATIONS: Current school director, eight years; CLIU #21 Board of Director & treasurer, six years; Jenn's House Board of Director, three years

RESPONSE: Issues include reduced public education funding, rising pension & health care costs, and inequities of charter/cyber school funding formulas. Unfunded and mandated state requirements are another hurdle. I will continue to make the best choice with the information I have for our children and taxpayers,

even though it may not be the most popular choice. Our district has a great staff who all put 'what is best for the kids' in their decisions.

Republican

Vote for four

CHRISTOPHER J. SPEDALIERE

www.facebook.com/chris.spedaliere.73

D.O.B.: 1975

EDUCATION: Graduate, Central Regional High School, Bayville, N.J., 1993; B.S. biology, Richard Stockton College of New Jersey, 1998; PhD biochemistry, University of Delaware, 2005

OCCUPATION: Development scientist

QUALIFICATIONS: Five years' business experience with three years management; extensive knowledge of science and technology (STEM) issues; parent of Salisbury Township School District students

RESPONSE: As a parent of STSD students, I am impressed with the direction that the district is going and am excited for the district to continue providing the highest standards of education. My family settled in Salisbury Township for the well-respected school district and the lower taxes (as compared to those of other local municipalities). As school director, I will work to keep taxes low, while supporting a quality education for all students in the district.

SOUTHERN LEHIGH

Coopersburg Borough and Lower Milford & Upper Saucon townships

Term: 4 years

**Republican/Democrat
(cross-filed)**

Vote for four

KATHLEEN D. PARSONS

Upper Saucon

https://sites.google.com/site/voteparsons/home

D.O.B.: 1957

EDUCATION: Graduate of Delaware and Technical Community College 1977 AAS, natural resources

OCCUPATION: Patron Database Manager and Circulation Desk Clerk, Southern Lehigh Public Library

QUALIFICATIONS: Past volunteer experience: PTA president Lower Milford Elementary, president Southern Lehigh Music Parents, Sunday School teacher and board member. Current member of SLSD Act 48 committee

RESPONSE: The challenge will be to make judicious spending decisions with a limited amount of money while still meeting the needs of each student. The job of

school board members is to keep the board's focus on the best interests of students. This does not always mean buying the newest technology, unless there is data to back up that the technology will help our teachers deliver their lessons more effectively and keep students engaged in learning.

THOMAS MCLOUGHLIN

D.O.B.: 1962

EDUCATION: Johns Hopkins University, B.A., 1984. Duke University School of Medicine, M.D., 1988

OCCUPATION: Chair of anesthesiology, Lehigh Valley Health Network

QUALIFICATIONS: Incumbent school board director, four years (president, 2011-2012; treasurer, 2012-present, Budget and Finance Committee chair, 2012-2013; Policy Committee, 2009-2012)

RESPONSE: Our challenge is to maintain the quality, rigor and variety of curricular and extra-curricular programs while respecting the limited capacity of taxpayers to provide funding. This is our civic obligation and supports community health and the value of our homes. Our system assesses peoples' obligations by property values, but most people pay their taxes from wages or fixed income. We must limit educational expense growth to no more than our taxpayers' growth in resources.

WILLIAM C. HAYES

Upper Saucon Township

D.O.B.: 1955

EDUCATION: B.S., sec. ed., Kutztown University, 1978; M.Ed., behavior disorders, Lehigh University, 1984; M.Ed., school administration, Lehigh University, 1990

OCCUPATION: Public school administrator — pupil services; adjunct professor (ed. leadership) Cabrini College

QUALIFICATIONS: SLSD School Director, 10 years; LCTI — JOC, six years

RESPONSE: The major issue of this campaign is for this board to continue to be as fiscally responsible in budgeting as we have in the past despite the anticipated monetary burdens placed on us like PSERS payments, charter school expenses, increasing special education costs, health care, etc. As a member of the board, I am very proud of the fact that we constantly work with Central Administration to provide high quality education in an extremely efficient manner.

STEVEN ANNUNZIATO

D.O.B.: 1959

EDUCATION: B.S., engineering, New Jersey Institute of Technology, 1982; MBA, Creighton University, 1986; M.E., engineering, Boston University, 1988

OCCUPATION: Medical sales & marketing

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QUALIFICATIONS: Upper Saucon Township 2009 Planning Commission; 2010 & 2011 Municipal Authority secretary; 2011 Budget Advisory Committee; NJIT, Board of Visitors (2001- Present), Board of Overseers.

RESPONSE: 1) School management accountability for deterioration in PSSA scores as students progress from elementary to high school; 2) Enhancing school management accountability for program rationalization, such as school wide student laptop purchases. 3) Improving accountability for productivity of staff resources and budget efficiency. 4) Compensation review across local and benchmark school districts. 5) Rationalization of resources and staffing where needed. 6) Enhancing focus on improving school lunch nutrition.

DOROTHY "PATTI" MOHR

Coopersburg

D.O.B.: 1943

EDUCATION: Abington High School. Abington, 1961; Beaver College/Arcadia University, B.S. 1965; Temple University, post-graduate

OCCUPATION: Retired

QUALIFICATIONS: 27 years, public education: Lower Moreland, Pennridge,

Northampton School Districts; four years, Southern Lehigh School Board; four years, board, Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit; one year, Lehigh Career / Technical Institute Joint Operating Committee

RESPONSE: Pennsylvania has incrementally decreased its share of education funding to local school districts over the past few years. This requires that the Southern Lehigh School District balance the educational programs that assure the quality of our children's future and success, with our community's financial capabilities. I am uniquely qualified to meet this need because of my lifelong experience as an educator and as a community leader on the Board these past four years.

DINO DADDONA SR.

No response

BRIAN MERKLE

Upper Saucon Township

D.O.B.: 1966

EDUCATION: Graduate, Southern Lehigh H.S., 1984; associates degree, Lincoln Technical Institute, 1986

OCCUPATION: Architectural draftsman

QUALIFICATIONS: I am a concerned citizen within the district with two daughters in Southern Lehigh High School next year.

RESPONSE: The major issue is the budget & taxes. If elected, I will do everything in my power to not raise taxes, only doing

so as a last resort.

ELIZABETH STELTZ

Center Valley

D.O.B.: 1951

EDUCATION: Phd., M.S., engineering mechanics, University of Wisconsin; B.S., applied math, engineering and physics

OCCUPATION: Retired

QUALIFICATIONS: Current school board member, with 11 years of service. I have served on budget and finance, technology, advanced course management, facilities, and compensation committees and also represent our district on the LCTI board.

RESPONSE: As a parent of a Southern Lehigh graduate, I understand the importance of maintaining high academic standards. As a homeowner, I understand how the excellent reputation of the school district maintains the value of my property. As a senior citizen, I understand the challenge of living on a fixed income. My goal is to maintain academic excellence while at the same time cutting the budget.

WHITEHALL/COPLAY

Coplay Borough and Whitehall Township

Term: 4 years

Republican/Democrat
(cross-filed)

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ROBERT H. KOLB

D.O.B.: 1947

EDUCATION: B.S., Kutztown University, 1971; M.Ed. Lehigh University, 1975; Post Master's study at Lehigh University, 1976-1978

OCCUPATION: Retired

QUALIFICATIONS: Teacher in the Whitehall Coplay School District for more than 37 years; current member of the Whitehall Coplay School Board, four years; member, Board of Directors, Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit, CLIU 21, four years.

RESPONSE: Maintaining the quality of education in our school district, while being mindful that the ability of the taxpayers to provide funding is not endless, proves to be a difficult balance for a school director. I will continue to be an advocate for the young people of the Whitehall Coplay schools.

EILEEN ABRUZZI

No response

JOSEF A. FRAGNITO

No response

RONALD A. HELMAN

No response

WAYNE A. GRIM

No response

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